



WC Docket No. 13-152

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May 30, 2013

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**VIA OVERNIGHT UPS**

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Re: Signal Point Corp. Section 63.71 Application

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of Signal Point Corp. ("Signal Point") and pursuant to Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. § 63.71(b), enclosed please find an original and four (4) copies of Signal Point's Section 63.71 Application for the discontinuance of selected domestic telecommunications services.

Also enclosed is a duplicate of this filing. Kindly date-stamp the duplicate and return it in the provided envelope.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael S. Tenore

Enclosure

**BEFORE THE  
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

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In the Matter of )  
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Signal Point Corp. )  
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Section 63.71 Application to Discontinue )  
Certain Domestic Telecommunications )  
Services )

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**SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION**

Signal Point Corp. (hereinafter "SPC"), in accordance with Section 63.71 of the Federal Communications Commission's ("Commission") rules, hereby requests authority to discontinue the provision of certain domestic telecommunications services nationally. In particular, SPC proposes to discontinue provision of retail and wholesale calling card services. SPC's is not relinquishing its domestic authority; it is merely terminating these services.

In support of this application, SPC submits the following, pursuant to 47 C.F.R.

§63.71(b):

1. The Applicant's name and address are:

Signal Point Corp.  
175 Great Road, Suite 1  
Bedford, MA 01730

2. The date of the planned service discontinuation is June 30, 2013, or as soon thereafter as necessarily regulatory approvals can be obtained.
3. The geographic area of service affected is nationally.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> While SPC only markets its cards in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire primarily, it notes that its cards are portable and could be used in various states.

4. SPC sells approximately 3600 cards a month in the United States, who would be affected by the proposed discontinuance.<sup>2</sup> SPC previously sold these prepaid long distance phone cards across several retail channels, via distributors and on the internet. These cards allowed customers to pre-pay for domestic or international calls and, in some cases, permitted customers who had exhausted the funds on previously purchased cards to recharge them by applying more funds to the card. With an increasingly competitive marketplace and new intermodal alternatives available to consumers, SPC has made the business decision to discontinue this business. Effective June 30, 2013, cardholders will no longer be able to recharge their prepaid long distance calling cards and Applicants will discontinue the sale of new cards on or after that date. However, SPC will continue to honor customers' the remaining balance on unexpired previously purchased prepaid long distance cards. The public convenience and necessity will not be impaired by this proposed discontinuance because there are multiple comparable alternative services available. Companies such as AT&T, IDT and others currently offer multiple products across these same channels, including both domestic and international calling with various competitive rate plans. These other alternatives are sold at comparable and/or lower rates as SPC's cards. Other alternatives for long-distance calling include pre-paid wireless plans, Interconnect VoIP, and internet calling application solutions.
5. Given the unique nature of prepaid long distance calling card business, SPC does not know the names or mailing addresses of its cardholders. Therefore, SPC cannot provide written notice to these cardholders. However, SPC has taken measures to notify

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<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of this number, SPC is including virtual a physical "cards" as well as recharges of previously purchased cards. A customer may purchase multiple cards in any given month so the actual number of customers is likely less than the number of activated cards.

cardholders orally about the elimination of recharge capability and the cessation of sales of new cards. Starting May 30, 2013, when a cardholder accesses a prepaid long distance calling card provided by SPC, the cardholder will hear the following message:

*"New cards will not be available for sale on or after June 30, 2013,*

*and recharge requests will not be processed after that date.*

*You will continue to be able to make calls using your existing*

*balance. Visit [www.dialaroundtheworld.com](http://www.dialaroundtheworld.com) for more information."*

These oral notices will remain up through July 30, 2013. As of June 3, 2013, SPC will place the same notices on its websites at <http://www.dialaroundtheworld.com> and <http://www.signalpointcommunications.com/callingcard>. SPC will update this site to include the docket number associated with this request once the Commission assigns a number and post a copy of the Public Notice once issued. A notice sent to wholesale customers is attached hereto as **Exhibit A** and was sent to customers on May 30, 2013 via first class mail.

6. In accordance with 47 C.F.R. §63.71(a), a copy of this application is being sent to the to the governor and public utilities commission for each impacted state and the District of Columbia, and also to the Special Assistant for Telecommunications to the Secretary of Defense. A certificate of service pertaining to the aforementioned customer notices and the copies of this application to the aforementioned parties is enclosed as **Exhibit B**.
7. SPC is considered non-dominant with respect to the services to be discontinued.
8. Correspondence and communications regarding this Application should be directed to Applicant's attorney:

Michael Tenore  
V.P., Regulatory Affairs

Signal Point Corp.  
175 Great Road, Suite 1  
Bedford, MA 01730

781-297-9836 (fax)

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WHEREFORE, Signal Point Corp., for the reasons contained herein, believes that the proposed discontinuance of services is reasonable and necessary, and respectfully requests that the Commission grant SPC the authority to discontinue the provision of certain domestic telecommunications services as described herein.


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Respectfully submitted, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013.

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Signal Point Corp.

By: 

Michael Tenore  
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175 Great Road, Suite 1  
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Its Attorney

**EXHIBIT A**



May 30, 2013

[CUSTOMER NAME]  
[ADDRESS1]  
[ADDRESS2]  
[CITY], [STATE] [ZIP]  
[ATTENTION]

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**\*\*\*\*DISCONTINUANCE NOTICE -DO NOT DISREGARD\*\*\*\***

Dear Signal Point Customer:

The prepaid calling card service currently provided to you by Signal point Corp. ("Signal Point") is being discontinued. This letter serves as formal notice that, subject to the approval of the Federal Communications Commission, Signal Point plans to discontinue calling card services on or about June 30, 2013.

After June 30, 2013, you will no longer be able to purchase cards or recharge cards. Any amounts remaining on cards will still be honored by Signal Point thereafter in accordance with the terms of the particular card.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We know you have a choice of providers and, on behalf Signal Point; we truly appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

Sincerely,

Signal Point Corp.

Signal Point is Required to Provide the Following Statement: The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object you should file your comments as soon as possible, but no later than 15 days after the Commission releases public notice of the proposed discontinuance. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Wireline Competition Bureau, Competition Policy Division, Washington, DC 20554, and include in your comments a reference to the §63.71 Application of Signal Point Corp., Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

**EXHIBIT B**

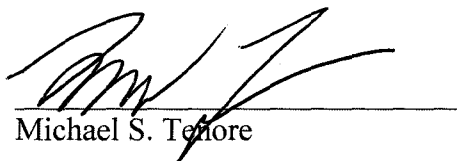
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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on this 30th day of May, 2013, I served a copy of the foregoing Section 63.71 Application by U.S. Mail postage prepaid to the following on the attached list.

  
Michael S. Tenore

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Arizona	Arizona Corporation Commission Commissioners Wing 1200 West Washington Street Phoenix, AZ 85007-2929	Governor of Arizona 1700 W. Washington Phoenix, AZ 85007
Arkansas	Public Service Commission P.O. Box 400 Little Rock, AR 72203-0400	Governor of Arkansas State Capitol Building Little Rock, AR 72201
California	Public Utilities Commission 505 Van Ness Avenue Room 5218 San Francisco, CA 94102	Governor of California State Capitol Building Sacramento, CA 95814
Colorado	Public Utilities Commission 1580 Logan Street Suite OL2 Denver, CO 80203	Governor of Colorado 136 State Capitol Denver, CO 80203-1792
Connecticut	Department of Public Utility Control 10 Franklin Square New Britain, CT 06051	Governor of Connecticut State Capitol 210 Capitol Ave. Hartford, CT 06106
Delaware	Public Service Commission Cannon Building Suite 100 861 Silver Lake Boulevard Dover, E 19904	Governor of Delaware 820 N. French St. Wilmington, DE 19801
Florida	Florida Public Service Commission 2540 Shumard Oak Boulevard Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850	Governor of Florida The Capitol Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001



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Hawaii	Public Utilities Commission 465 South King Street Room 103 Honolulu, HI 96813	Governor of Hawaii Executive Chambers Hawaii State Capitol Honolulu, HI 96813
Idaho	Public Utilities Commission P.O. Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0074	Governor of Idaho 700 W. Jefferson, 2nd Floor PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0034
Illinois	Commerce Commission 527 East Capital Avenue Springfield, IL 62701	Governor of Illinois 207 State House Springfield, IL 62706
Indiana	Consumer Affairs Division 302 West Washington Street Suite E-306 Indianapolis, IN 46204	Governor of Indiana State Capitol Building Indianapolis, IN 46204
Iowa	Utilities Board 350 Maple Street Des Moines, IA 50319-0069	Governor of Iowa State Capitol Des Moines, IA 50319
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Kentucky	Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602	Governor of Kentucky 700 Capitol Ave. Frankfurt, KY 40601
Louisiana	Public Service Commission Galvez Building 11th Floor Public Box 91154 602 North 5th Street Baton Rouge, LA 70821	Governor of Louisiana PO Box 94004 Baton Rouge, LA 70804
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Maryland	Maryland Public Service Commission 6 St. Paul Street 16th Floor	Governor of Maryland State Capitol Building Anapolis, MD 21401

Baltimore, MD 21202

Massachusetts	Department of Telecommunications and Cable, Commissioner One South Station, 2nd Floor Boston, MA 02110	Governor of Massachusetts Office of the Governor Room 360 Boston, MA 02133
Michigan	Public Service Commission 6545 Mercantile Way P.O. Box 30221 Lansing, MI 48909	Governor of Michigan PO Box 30013 Lansing, MI 48909
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New Jersey	Board of Public Utilities Two Gateway Center Newark, NJ 07102	Governor of New Jersey PO Box 004 Trenton, NJ 08625

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New York	Office of Consumer Service 3 Empire State Plaza Alban. NY 12223-1350	Governor of New York State Capitol Building Albany, NY 12224
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North Dakota	Public Service Commission 600 East Boulevard A venue Department 408 11 Floor Bismarck, ND 58505-0480	Governor of North Dakota 600 E. Boulevard Avenue Bismark, ND 58505-0001
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Virginia	State Corporation Commission Division of Communications P.O. Box 1197 Richmond, VA 23218	Governor of Virginia State Capitol Building 3rd Floor Richmond, VA 23219
Washington	Utilities & Transportation Commission 1300 S. Evergreen Park Drive SW P.O. Box 4750 Olympia, W A 98504	Governor of Washington PO Box 40002 Olympia, WA 98504-0002
West Virginia	West Virginia Public Service Commission 201 Brooks Street Charleston, WV 25301	Governor of West Virginia State Capitol Complex Charleston, WV 25305
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